

103D CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 548

To amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to restrict the amount of money spent on Congressional campaigns, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. UPTON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Congressional Cam-
5 paign Fairness Act of 1993”.

6 **SEC. 2. SENSE OF THE CONGRESS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—It is the sense of the Congress
8 that the amount of money that is spent by candidates for
9 election to the Congress has become far too excessive, that
10 the influence of political action committees has become too

1 great, and that such candidates should strive to maximize
2 the amount of contributions they receive from within their
3 State. Because constitutional provisions restrict the ability
4 of the Congress to impose mandatory limits on total cam-
5 paign expenditures, any such limits should be voluntary
6 in nature.

7 (b) VOLUNTARY CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURE REQUIRE-
8 MENTS.—Candidates seeking election as a Senator or Rep-
9 resentative in, or a Delegate or Resident Commissioner
10 to, the Congress should—

11 (1) limit the contributions they accept from po-
12 litical action committees to no more than 40 percent
13 of all contributions made to their election campaign;
14 and

15 (2) require that at least 75 percent of the con-
16 tributions made by individuals to the election cam-
17 paigns of such candidates be from residents of the
18 State where that candidate resides.

19 **SEC. 3. LIMITATIONS ON CONTRIBUTIONS FROM POLITI-**
20 **CAL ACTION COMMITTEES.**

21 (a) LIMITATION ON CONTRIBUTIONS TO INCUM-
22 BENTS.—Section 315(a)(2) of the Federal Election Cam-
23 paign Act of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 441a(a)(2)) is amended—

24 (1) in subparagraph (B) by striking out “or”;

1 (2) in subparagraph (C) by striking out the pe-
2 riod and inserting in lieu thereof “; or”; and

3 (3) by adding after subparagraph (C) the fol-
4 lowing:

5 “(D) during the period beginning on the No-
6 vember 15 following the date of a regularly sched-
7 uled general election and ending on the following
8 November 14, to any individual elected to the office
9 of Senator or Representative in, or Delegate or Resi-
10 dent Commissioner to, the Congress at that election
11 or the authorized political committees of that indi-
12 vidual.”.

13 (b) LIMITATION ON CONTRIBUTION AMOUNTS.—
14 Subparagraphs (A) and (C) of section 315(a)(2) of the
15 Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (2 U.S.C.
16 441a(a)(2) (A) and (C)) are each amended by striking out
17 “\$5000” in each subparagraph and inserting in lieu there-
18 of “\$2500”.

19 **SEC. 4. POLITICAL PARTY CONTRIBUTIONS.**

20 Section 315(d) of the Federal Election Campaign Act
21 of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 441a(d)) is amended—

22 (1) in paragraph (1) by striking out “and (3)”
23 and inserting in lieu thereof “, (3), and (4)”;

1 (2) in paragraph (3) by striking out “The” and
2 inserting in lieu thereof “Except as provided in
3 paragraph (4), the”; and

4 (3) by adding at the end the following:

5 “(4)(A) The national committee of a political party,
6 or a State committee of a political party, including any
7 subordinate committee of a State committee, may contrib-
8 ute to a candidate for the office of Senator or Representa-
9 tive in, or Delegate or Resident Commissioner to, the Con-
10 gress, or the authorized committee of that candidate, an
11 amount equal to the amount described in subparagraph
12 (B), if the candidate complies with section 2(b) of the Con-
13 gressional Campaign Fairness Act of 1993.

14 “(B) The amount referred to in subparagraph (A) is
15 the total amount of contributions of less than \$200 each
16 that is received by a candidate described in that subpara-
17 graph, or the authorized committee of that candidate.”.

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